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2002 Winter Banquet

Top Left: Mark Shradeja, Chase Budziak, and Nik Chamis
Above: Head Table (from left) Tom Sowinski, Nik Chamis, Chase Budziak and Matt Urban
Top Right: Lodge Chief Chase Budziak, Presents Hand of Service award to Nacha Alluns Chapter Adviser, Chuck Davis.
Right: Brian Weems and Robert Radtke III
Left: Jon Chucla, Brian Backstrom, and Ed Landmichl
Below: Allowat Sakima & Meteu perform the public Vigil calling out ceremony

Another year of brotherhood and cheerful service was celebrated with food and fun at the annual Owasippe Lodge 7 Winter Banquet. The Winter Banquet took place at VFW Post 6883 on December 29th. Members and their families began to gather well before the banquet for a small fellowship. Soon the festivities began. The banquet began with an introduction by Ross Potter and Dan Koziel. After the invocation, the food was served. A great array of chicken, beef, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and other goodies were enough to satisfy even the hungriest of Arrowmen. After attempting to finish the abundant meal, Lodge Chief Chase Budziak took the floor.

He gave a detailed introduction and introduced all of the chapters present. He also hinted at the identity of our special guest speaker for the night. After a little bit of an introduction, we found that our speaker was the Man with the Plan, Lodge Adviser Ted Kumzi. Mr. Kumzi gave a detailed speech about the progress of the lodge and other important issues. The next part of the banquet was dedicated to honoring the achievements of Arrowmen throughout the year. Many of our brothers received certificates for their participation in running key events such as Summer Inductions. A slide show of Owasippe Lodge 7's trip to the National Order of the Arrow Conference was shown after the awards. The Vigil callout took place next. Several Arrowmen were called out for this prestigious honor. The night concluded with a closing speech with a message for Arrowmen to seek the Arrow. Soon after this, all Arrowmen present joined together in the song of our Order.

Nacha Alluns & Mantowagan Chapters Spring Fellowship 2003

In only about a month's time it will already be time when every Arrowman will, once again, rededicate themselves to the purpose and spirit of the Order of the Arrow. New Arrowmen will experience what we keep close to our hearts. That's right, the Spring Fellowship is coming up to spark that flame in some and help it grow in others. On May 2nd, 3rd and 4th at Hoover Outdoor Education Center, Mantowagan and Nacha Alluns Chapters are coming together to bring you one of the best, biggest, and most amazing Spring fellowships ever!

This Spring we are presenting a commemorative patch to celebrate this fusion of the two biggest chapters in Owasippe Lodge to celebrate these new inductees. Also, don't forget to make arrangements to stay 'till Sunday where we will open the Hoover Pool and get Wet and Wild! So, after a hard weekend of cheerful service you can relax and enjoy a good time in the pool.

Throughout the weekend we will have great food, wonderful fellowship, and incredible ceremonies in which the pre-ordeal and ordeal ceremonies will be conducted by Nacha Alluns and the ceremony for the Brotherhood will be done by Mantowagan Chapter.

So, show your dedication to the Order of the Arrow and pick up that registration form, send it in and look forward to a great time! If you are an Ordeal member, take the extra mile and challenge yourself to catch the higher vision and seal your membership in the Brotherhood, there is still time. On May 2nd, 3rd and 4th I hope to see you all there giving back to the camps in cheerful service and welcoming these new brothers into our Order! Until then.

Spring Fellowship Chairperson,

Robert Radtke III

"Owasippe is Totally Amazing -- Like Disney World" From your Owasippe Lodge Chief

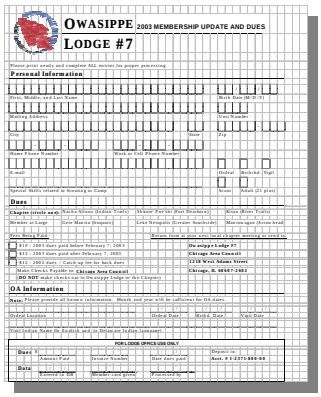
Howdy Fellow Arrowmen,

How is the year going? Good I hope. In my article I hope to enlighten you about our favorite summer camp, the OWASIPPE SCOUT RESERVATION. So when you think about Owasippe what comes to your mind first? I'm sure that you are thinking about the Swimming in Big Blue, or the swarms of mosquitoes on the wilderness survival overnighter, or even the scrumptious food. Of course I think about the same, but when I think about Owasippe the first thing that comes to my mind is … The Disney World of Summer Camping. So imagine the Disney Resorts they all have themes, right? well all the campsites have numbers. There are 4 Theme parks and 2 Water parks, well at Owasippe the is 2 Section Camps and 1 High Adventure Camp. So imagine driving Camp Wolverine or Camp Blackhawk areas and see the buildings and beautiful architecture of the kybos, Disney World has tons of architecture. And plus what kind of areas are at Disney World? Tomorrow World, Adventure Land, Frontier Land... HEY we got them better we have Aquatics, Scoutcraft, Shooting Sports, Nature, and Handicraft. So this summer encourage your friends and troop to Visit the "Disney World of Scout Camping" -- Owasippe.

Enough of that I wanted to encourage all of you youth and adults to try your best this spring and visit the Nacha Alluns and Mantowagan Spring Fellowship at Hoover, and at The Memorial Workweekend at Owasippe for a chance to prove how skilled the Arrowmen of Owasippe Lodge 7 Really are. These last couple of months have really affected me in positive ways. Being Lodge Chief of one of the greatest Lodges in the Nation really helps you to realize the talented individuals around you **(Continued on Page 7)**

Spring Fellowship Form

Lodge Registration 2003


OWASIPPE LODGE #7 2003 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE AND DUES

Personal Information

Dues

OA Information

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Just as a reminder, your 2003 Lodges dues are for lack of a better word, due. If you haven't paid now your charge is $12.00. The benefits that come from being a paying sues member are the mailings such as newsletters and chapter postcards, e-mails, etc. Also you get a fancy dancy membership card signed by none other than your lodge Chief Chase Budziak. You can find your membership form on page 4. So hurry up and send it in so you can reap the benefits of a full blown out member of Owasippe Lodge #7.

OWASIPPE LODGE

Memorial Work Weekend 2003

May 23 – 26, 2003 Owasippe Scout Reservation Twin Lakes, Michigan

It's that time of year again when the birds sing loudly from their perches, the sun shines warmly on your shoulders, and work projects that have been piling up since September beckon to all. Come and lend your hands and hearts to Owasippe. Yes brothers, the time has come for our annual Memorial Work Weekend.

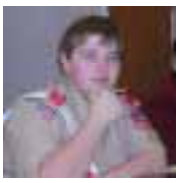
The main purpose of our Memorial Work Weekend is to travel to Owasippe and provide needful service to our summer camps. We need the help of all skilled and unskilled laborers to aid in the repair process. By you registering early you will allow us to be more effective in utilizing your talents and skills for the best of the camp. Early registration will allow us to be more efficient in our organization of potential projects and tasks. Due to a desperate lack of equipment, *we ask that you help by bringing your own personal tools, shovels, rakes, etc. PLEASE, BE SURE TO LABEL ALL PERSONAL TOOLS WITH NAME AND TROOP NUMBER!*

This outing is also our Vigil Candidate induction weekend. Come celebrate the achievements of our brothers receiving the Vigil honor. Your presence will heighten this special weekend for them.

Fun and fellowship is offered to all that participate on this great weekend. This year the outing is open to all Fathers and Friends who wish to come and help out. Our leisure activities will provide opportunities for hiking, boating, horseshoes, volleyball, and fishing.

The Memorial Work Weekend provides you with a chance to spend a few days of pre-summertime bliss with fathers, friends, and fellow arrowmen while helping to jumpstart Owasippe's summer program. Work and fun have been blended together to give this weekend a fine, unique flavor.

NOTE: NON-MEMBERS are WELCOME and encouraged to attend. Anyone looking for more information may contact Ross H. Potter at 708-448-5527 or via e-mail-rosstheboss2003@yahoo.com



From the Editor's Desk

Owasippe Lodge Seven has experienced a good amount of change over the past year. From trials and tribulations to progress and development, our lodge has seen it all as of late. One of the many changes in the structure of our lodge is the revival of our official newsletter, The Arrow. I thought in this issue I would give a little background about myself. First off, my name is Tom Sowinski and I am fifteen years old. I am a life scout and a brotherhood member of our order. I am registered with troop 617 and am a member of the Mantowagon chapter.

I first became interested in bringing back the Arrow at the recent NOAC at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. There, I had taken a course on publications. It had a great influence on me and pushed me to volunteer to become editor. I hoped to create a source of news and information to all Arrowmen in the Chicago area, which had been neglected in the past. I am still trying to achieve this goal, and I know I can't do it alone. That is why I ask you, my brothers, to send me your input and become involved in the production of the Arrow. It doesn't matter if you're an English scholar or if you don't even read the newspaper.

I guarantee that I can find a productive service you can perform for this newsletter. This publication is still in its early stages and has much room for development. I know with your help we can make this newsletter one of the best Owasippe 7 has ever seen. I look forward to my term as editor and to the future of the Arrow. Change is evident all around us. Good or bad, we have to make the best of it.

Yours in WWW,

Tom Sowinski, Editor-in-chief.

2003 Winter Banquet Awards

Vigil Honor Nominees

Tim Grzenia - Gete Manitu
Laura Dellaca - Nacha Alluns
Mark Shradeja - Nacha Alluns
Larry Blaszczyk - Mantowagan
Nik Chamis - Mantowagan
Mark Linse - Nacha Alluns
Eric Nahorniak - Nacha Alluns
Tim Ronnenburg - Nacha Alluns
Chase Budziak - Mantowagan

Founders Award Recipients

Youth - Brian Chuchla

Adult - Ray Galassi

2002 Chapter Hand of Service Recipients

Mantowagan Chapter (Forest District)
Kittan Chapter (River Trails)
Nacha Alluns Chapter (Indian Trails)
Leke Netopolis (Greater Southside District)

OWASIPPE LODGE

WORK WEEKEND FORM

On the Trail to Brotherhood
From our Owasippe Lodge Adviser

Only 38 ordeal members sealed their membership in the brotherhood ceremony last year. This is less than a 20% of all eligible members. Many of the eligible ordeals were inducted one, two or more years ago. The requirements for achieving the quality lodge recognition include inducting a minimum of 30% of its eligible Ordeal members into the Brotherhood. Why do we fall short of this goal?

The challenges for brotherhood membership are relatively simple. I believe one reason for low achievement is due more to members not making the commitment to attend the ceremony than completing the five challenges of the brotherhood. Many ordeal members are meeting these challenges each day and do not even realize it. One challenge is service in your unit. Striving to fulfill your obligation by continuing and expanding your service to your own troop meets this challenge.

Another challenge is planning service to the lodge. The Scoutmaster that encourages youth members, provides transportation to OA events and promotes the lodge is already meeting this challenge. An assistant Scoutmaster that uses his tools, time and talents to help maintain our camps meets this requirement. A scout that visits other units to promote camping or becomes an Elangomat or a unit election chairman meets this requirement. All are serving the Order, each in a personal way.

Understanding the purpose of the Order of the Arrow is also a critical element in an Arrowman's decision to become a Brotherhood member. The Ordeal experience introduced the new member to the ideals and principles of the Order of the Arrow. Brotherhood membership provides the individual with the opportunity to consciously and clearly state that these ideals are important in the individual's life, particularly in his experiences with his Scout unit.

The decision to seal your membership in the Brotherhood ceremony is only yours to make. The screening process used within the chapters is not a test but an aid to help you review your progress and understand completely the challenges for brotherhood membership. Lodges do not have the authority to "examine" individuals prior to allowing them to participate in the Brotherhood ceremony and become Brotherhood members. The Trail to Brotherhood is intended to provide the individual with time to reflect on the Ordeal experience, the challenges of the Ordeal, and the principles of the Order.

Today I ask all ordeal members to review the five challenges of Brotherhood Membership and make plans to seal your membership in the Brotherhood ceremony this year. Your first opportunity will be at the Spring Fellowship.

The most important thing that all other lodge members can do is to encourage individuals on Trail to Brotherhood. Help them learn more about the purpose and principles of the Order of the Arrow and how they apply to his role in his troop and other aspects of his daily life.

From your Lodge Chief (continued form page 2)

I have so many talented youth around me that make me perform as I do. There has been this one youth that really have helped me, not only through doing needed tasks but being an extremely caring individual. This young man amazes me and for only being in 8th grade he sure is one tough and smart cookie, so I salute my co staff person, great Arrowman, and most of all my good friend Robert Radtke III. I now challenge every Arrowman to be the best you can be, kindle the sprit within you and suck it up, for the burdens are before us.

From one normal Arrowman to another,

Chase Budziak
Owasippe Lodge Chief

OWASIPPE LODGE #7

2003 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE AND DUES

Please print neatly and complete ALL entries for proper processing

Personal Information

First, Middle, and Last Name

Birth Date (M/D/Y)

Mailing Address

Unit Number

City

State

Zip

Home Phone Number

Work or Cell Phone Number

E-mail

Ordeal Brthrhd. Vigil

Special Skills related to Scouting or Camp

Scout Adult (21 plus)

Dues

Chapter (circle one): Nacha Alluns (Indian Trails) Shkote' Pne'shi (Fort Dearborn) Kitan (River Trails)

Member at Large Gete Manitu (Iroquois) Leke Netopalis (Greater Southside) Mantowagan (Arrowhead)

Fees Being Paid:

- ~~$10 - 2003 dues paid before February 7, 2003~~
- $12 - 2003 dues paid after February 7, 2003
- $12 - 2002 dues / Catch-up fee for back dues

Make Checks Payable to: **Chicago Area Council**
(**DO NOT** make checks out to Owasippe Lodge or the Chapter)

Return form at your next local chapter meeting or send to:

Owasippe Lodge #7
Chicago Area Council
1218 West Adams Street
Chicago, IL 60607-2602

OA Information

Note: Please provide all known information. Month and year will be sufficient for OA dates.

Ordeal Location

Ordeal Date

Brthd. Date

Vigil Date

Vigil Indian Name (In English and/or Delaware Indian language)

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Dues $ Amount Paid

Invoice Number

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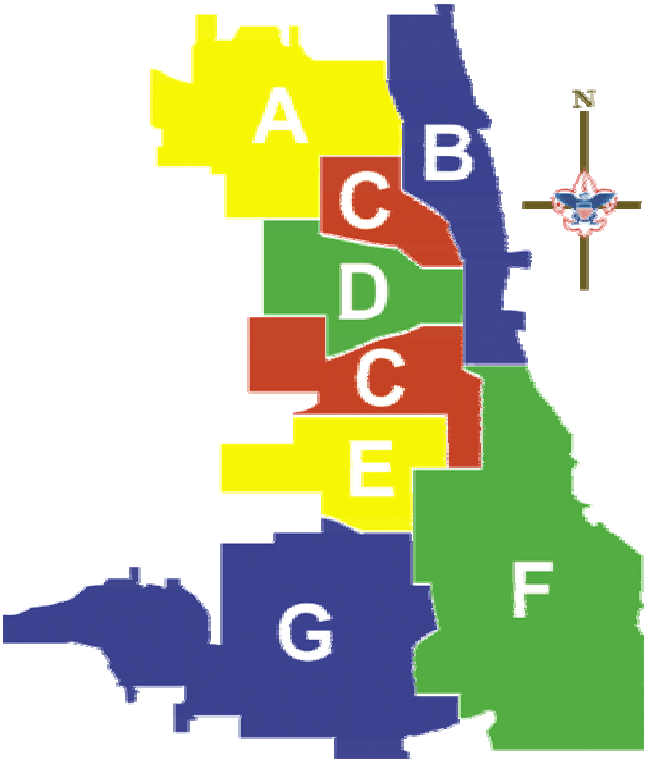
Chapter Happenings

Nacha Alluns
(Area A)



Mantowagan
(Area G)

Here in the Mantowagan Chapter of Owasippe Lodge 7, we have been doing a lot of things recently. We just finished doing a car wash fundraiser, going to a National Leadership Seminar, and training youth arrowmen to become Elangomats and Nimats. We are beginning to get Camp Promotions and Unit Elections up to speed. We also have decided on having a swim clinic to teach boy scouts and cub scouts the fundamentals for their advancements. Also within our chapter, we are starting on making log chains.

The car wash on February 8 at the Windy City Car Wash in Chicago was a big success. We have collected enough money to have and support a number of camperships for this year.

The Mantowagan Chapter's service project is to wash windows and clean floors of the First United Methodist Church at 100th and Central Avenue in Oak Lawn, IL. For the Spring Fellowship on May 2-4, we have all three ceremony teams set and practicing. We also have some new Elangomats and Nimats to do their respected positions. I can't wait to see what they can do out at Hoover. Well, that's all for me, Brian Kita,

GETE MANITU
(AREA E)

Chapter Chief: **Sean Bingham 773/581-0004**

The Gete Manitu Chapter has various activities going on at this time of the year. Our first activity is holding Unit Elections, to increase the membership in our Chapter. We plan to hold many Unit Elections shortly.

We, as a chapter, also plan to hold Camp Promotions for Owasippe. We believe that every Scout should have a chance to go to summer camp this year, so we are making this a big priority also.

Also, our Chapter Ceremony Team has performed two Arrow of Light/Crossing Over ceremonies for Packs in our District. We would like to thank them for their hard work so far this year.

In Conclusion, our chapter holds their meetings on the fourth Wednesday of every month (on the 5th Wed. of April), at St. Mary Star of the Sea School, 6424 S. Kenneth Ave. We hope to see all members of our Chapter attend.

Summer Inductions

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CALENDAR

March 5 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
March 18 Mantowagan Chapter Meeting
March 19 Shkote' Pne'shi Chapter Meeting
March 26 Nacha Alluns Chapter Meeting
March 26 Gete Manitu Chapter Meeting
March 28-30 National Leadership Seminar (NLS), High Ridge, MO
April 2 Lodge and Chapter Officer Nominations Due
April 2 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
April 15 Mantowagan Chapter Meeting
April 16 Shkote' Pne'shi Chapter Meeting
April 12 Section C3B Council of Chiefs (COC) Meeting – Camp Loud Thunder
April 23 Nacha Alluns Chapter Meeting
April 30 Gete Manitu Chapter Meeting
May 2-4 Mantowagan/Nacha Alluns Chapter Fellowship – Hoover Outdoor Education Center
May 7 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
May 10 National OA One day of Service
May 20 Mantowagan Chapter Meeting
May 21 Shkote' Pne'shi Chapter Meeting
May 23-26 Memorial Work Weekend / Vigil Induction, Owasippe Scout Reservation

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"We should celebrate the accomplishments in Scouting of Today not only as a sign of triumph for today but maybe a small glimpse of hope of the world of tomorrow" - Chase Budziak